



There are those who have rating systems,  
those who have had it with rating systems,  
and those who have to have had had have to had have had have had  
Well, you figure it out....

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#### ACTA PRIMA

I have had a reply from John Beshara to the letter published in  
LAPUTA #4. It is a lengthy item, the gist of which is that he has never  
received an invitation for TDA to send a representative to the PDRC, he  
was stood up in Chicago, my last letter is full of misinformation, and  
he has spent oodles of time and money exchanging information so what am  
I talking about? My reply, equally lengthy, was to the effect that he's  
had all the invitation which is reasonable, what happened in Chicago is  
irrelevant to the issue, if we're exchanging where's the info I asked  
for, and if in the future the DA wants to apply to have a rep. on the  
Commission, do let me know. I am not going to print these beasts, but  
if any member of the Commission wishes a xerox, I will send them to him.

#### ACTA SECUNDA

Several new rating systems seem to be waiting in the wings. I know  
of two, anyway. One is a proposal of Mike Honig's, in THE POCKET ARME-  
NIAN, which seems to be merely in the talking stage. The other is Bob  
Lipton's, and he appears in the process of doing the calculations.

Now, as I understand it, the Curator of a rating system is ipso  
facto a member of this Commission, assuming (a) he wants to join and (b)  
he has an actual active system whose results have been published. I  
don't propose we change this, but I am wondering if we couldn't modify  
it just a little bit.

That is, if somebody seems on the verge of being a member anyway,  
could we invite him to participate in our discussions at least (sans  
vote if one is taken). It would add depth to our deliberations, it seems  
to me.

I would like to propose that we invite Bob Lipton to join us on that  
basis (discussion but no vote). Since this is certainly a controversial  
issue, I would like to call for a vote, and I see no alternative to as-  
suming that a unanimous "yes" vote would be required (with failure to  
vote not counting as a vote either way).

In order to allow plenty of time for consultation among and between  
the Commission's members, a deadline of Monday, 2 December 1974, is set.  
If I receive 5 affirmative votes (my vote, the 6th, is already affirma-  
tive) prior to that date, I will go ahead and send all relevant materials  
to Bob. His address (in case you didn't know): Box 360, Lafayette Col-  
lete, Easton PA 18042.

#### ACTA TERTIA

LAPUTA 6 will be a check-list on games we rate and don't rate. No.  
7 will contain Len's proposed Constitution. I will have these out as  
rapidly as practicable.

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